

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/654,992

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07 July 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Irah Donner on 22 September 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A security seal system for a tamper detection and sealing, unsealing and/or bonding, comprising:

a security switch mechanism activated via a shorted condition of a power source to exist through a conductive metal wire or thin metal strip when the appropriate electrical signal and/or mechanical lock switch is closed to complete a circuit through the conductive metal wire or thin metal strip; and

a security trigger circuit activating the shortened condition when the circuit is activated, optionally via entry of a coded security signal, wherein the security trigger circuit and conductive metal wire or thin metal strip coated with or imbedded in a substance that liquefies when the wire is heated by the system shorting out opposite poles of an identical power source connected to on either

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end of the thin metal strip or wire, to perform sealing, resealing and/or unsealing of electrical components packaged with different plastics, waxes and adhesives at varied thermal ranges, and for sealing, unsealing and resealing unions or joints between other materials, with a metal strip coated with plastic that melts into at least two metal locking security stamp wells and a receiving seal groove around any access port or panel.

3. (Currently Amended) a security seal system according to claim 2, wherein the security trigger circuit activates a heating process, optionally via entry of the coded security signal.

4. (Currently Amended) A security seal system according to claim 2, wherein said trigger circuit is embedded with the conductive metal wire or thin metal strip coated with or embedded in the substance in a finished product housing said security trigger circuit

Claims 5-8 are as previously amended 05 July 2006.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims as amended with the addition of the security trigger circuit structure activating mechanism explicitly reads over the art of record. Therefore, the Examiner notes that the combination of said structure to provide a security seal system has not been found in the prior art in combination with other limitations of the claims.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen J. Ralis whose telephone number is 571-272-6227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

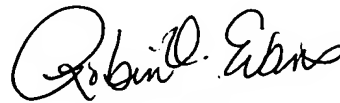
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